Self-organized micro-structures of PrAIO₃/AI₂O₃ and PrAIO₃/Pr₂O₃

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Fig. 1. Optical microscope image of the microtwin domains in PrAlO₃ single crystal.

The self-organized dielectric micro-structures of PrAlO₃/Al₂O₃ and PrAlO₃/Pr₂O₃ will be presented. Their growth is based on directional solidification of binary eutectics by the micro-pulling down method. The microstructure will be compared with the microstructure of pseudo-periodic twin domains in PrAlO₃ crystal grown by the Czochralski method, Fig. 1. One of the phases can be etched away selectively. The empty spaces could be filled with a metal giving the possibilities of using these structures as kind of metamaterials. The spectroscopic properties of the microstructures will be presented.

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